

In the Claims

1 -49 (canceled)

50. (currently amended) An illumination device for illuminating an object by directing a beam of light from the device onto the object, such as a flashlight, comprising:

(a) a housing having a light reflector arrangement supported therewith, said light reflector arrangement including light reflecting surface segments which circumscribe a given area and which define a forwardly extending central axis of illumination; and

(b) an illumination assembly including (i) a printed circuit board having a front surface and a back surface, (ii) at least one solid state light source mounted on the front surface of said printed circuit board, and (iii) control circuitry connected with said solid state light source and printed on at least one of the surfaces of said printed circuit board for connecting the solid state light source to a source of power in order to control the illumination of said solid state light source, said illumination assembly being connected with said housing such that the solid state light source is disposed within said given area in a way which causes light from said solid state light source to emanate out of said given area directly and/or at least indirectly by means of reflection so as to project said beam of light in the general direction of said forwardly extending central axis of illumination.

51. (currently amended) An illumination device according to Claim 50 wherein the front surface of said printed circuit board is a planar surface oriented normal to and facing said forwardly extending central axis of illumination and wherein said light source is an LED having a mounting end mounted to said front planar surface and an opposite free end facing forward such that said mounting and free ends define an axis normal to the planar front surface and parallel with said central axis.

52. (previously presented) An illumination device according to Claim 50 wherein said control circuitry is at least printed on the back surface of said printed circuit board.

53. (previously presented) An illumination device according to Claim 50 wherein said solid state light source is an LED.

54. (currently amended) An illumination device according to Claim 50 wherein the front surface of said printed circuit board is a planar surface oriented parallel with said forwardly extending central axis of illumination and wherein said light source is an LED having a mounting end mounted to said front planar surface and an opposite free end such that said mounting and free ends define an axis normal to said planar front surface and normal to said central axis such that said LED solid-state light source directs some of its light normal to said central axis towards some of said light reflecting surface segments.

55-56. (canceled)

57. (previously presented) An illumination device according to Claim 50 wherein said illumination assembly includes a plurality of solid state light sources, each of which is an LED.

58. (currently amended) An illumination assembly for use in an illumination a device for illuminating an object by directing a beam of light from the device onto the object, such as a flashlight; said device having a housing including a light reflector arrangement supported therewith, said light reflector arrangement including light reflecting surface segments which circumscribe a given area and which define a forwardly extending central axis of illumination, said illumination assembly comprising:

- (a) a printed circuit board having generally planar a front surface and a back surfaces;
- (b) at least one solid state light source mounted on the front surface of said printed circuit board, and
- (c) control circuitry connected with said solid state light source and printed on at least one of the surfaces of said printed circuit board for connecting the solid state light source to a source of power in order to control the illumination of said solid state light source;
- (d) said illumination assembly being adapted for connection with said housing such that the solid state light source is disposed within said given area in a way which causes light from said solid state light source to emanate out of said given area directly and/or at least indirectly by means of reflection so as to project said beam of light in the general direction of said forwardly extending central axis of illumination.

59. (previously presented) An illumination assembly according to Claim 58 where in said solid state light source is an LED.

60. (currently amended) An illumination assembly for use as part of an illumination a device for illuminating an object by directing a beam of light from the device onto the object, said device including a housing defining a given area for directing said beam of light outward from the housing therefrom, said illumination assembly comprising:

- (a) a printed circuit board having a planar front surface and a planar back surface;
- (b) at least one solid state light source mounted on the front surface of said printed circuit board, and
- (c) control circuitry connected with said solid state light source and printed on at least one of the surfaces of said printed circuit board for connecting the solid state light source to a source of power in order to control the illumination of said solid state light source;
- (d) said illumination assembly being adapted for connection with said housing such that the solid state light source is disposed within said given area in a way which causes said beam of light from said solid state light source to emanate out of said given area.

61. (previously presented) An illumination assembly according to Claim 60 wherein said solid state light source is an LED.

62. (canceled)

63. (new) An illumination device according to Claim 50 wherein said device is a flashlight.

64. (new) An illumination device according to Claim 50 wherein said housing is configured to receive both said illumination assembly and an illumination assembly that includes an incandescent light source rather than a solid state light source, the latter assembly having been replaced by said former assembly.

65. (new) A device for illuminating objects, comprising: an illumination assembly including (i) an elongated printed circuit board which is longer than it is wide and having a front surface and a back surface extending from one lengthwise end of the circuit board to an opposite lengthwise end thereof and first and second electrically conductive bumps on said lengthwise ends and serving as an electrical input and output, respectively, (ii) a plurality of solid state light sources mounted on the front surface of said printed circuit board in spaced apart relationship to one another along the elongated length of the circuit board, and (iii) control circuitry connected with said solid state light sources and said bumps and printed on at least one of the surfaces of said printed circuit board for connecting the solid state light sources to said bumps in order to control the illumination of said solid state light source when said bumps are connected to a source of power.